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Dear DOJ,

Havent you learned anything from history? The deal you've proposed, in all its loopholes & insufficiencies, is deja vu to the 1995 decree. Microsoft spat in the face of that decree as you remember. It will do so again.

I use Microsoft software, and i use non-Microsoft software. I insist on choices, and i know that thru choices we gain innovation. I do not want Microsoft in complete control of the market, as they are now, and will be with this ineffectual, shortsighted deal.

In the absence of a breakup, the only solution to the serious violations upheld by 2/3 of our nation's highest courts is to force Microsoft to release all source code for the shipped OS. This is easy to enforce, is simple and elegant. If Microsoft wants to embed media player, messaging, web browsers, a kitchen sink--then force them to release the code. Since they wouldnt want to do that, they'd be compelled to offer these products independently of the OS, on a more level playing field with the competition. Isnt this the crux of the trial?

Please listen to the public.

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